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SUMMER TALK SERIES CONTINUES

The *Summer 2006 History in the Park - Stories from the West* continues with a presentation about Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch on Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 p.m. on the lawn in the City Park immediately behind the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko.

The originally planned talk about moving the railroad tracks in Elko has been rescheduled to be included in the History Lives series at the Northeastern Nevada Museum next winter.

Tuesday's talk, *Butch Cassidy Stories – Fact or Fiction*, will be given by Mike Brown, of the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office.

In describing his presentation, Brown commented, "There are more stories about Butch Cassidy than any other western outlaw. There are almost as many Cassidy historians as there are stories about him. The talk will include little known stories of the era such as the Krakatoa Theory of the rise of western outlaws in the 19th century and why Butch Cassidy had to have been a republican. Butch and the Wild Bunch's Nevada activities will be discussed as well."

Brown has researched Cassidy stories for nearly 30 years. While working as an oral historian in Utah in the 1970s, he interviewed several people who knew Cassidy when they were children.

The *Summer 2006 History in the Park - Stories from the West* program is a free lecture series reflecting the wealth of history of Nevada and the American West. Many of the talks focus on stories of the California National Historic Trail.

Sponsored by the Northeastern Nevada Museum, Nevada Humanities Council, and the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office, all talks begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held behind the Museum in the City Park. In the event of inclement weather, the talks will be moved indoors to the Museum Theater. All talks are free and the public is encouraged to attend. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for open seating on the grass.

For more information about the series, contact the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko,
(775) 738-3418.

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